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Paired Texts Vocabulary

1. conduct (KAHN-duhkt or kuhn-DUHKT) *noun or verb*; As a noun, *conduct* [KAHN-duhkt] means "behavior." If your little brother behaved himself at a wedding, your parents might say they were impressed by his conduct.

As a verb, *conduct* [kuhn-DUHKT] means "to control or manage something." Your student body president might conduct monthly meetings of the student council. *Conduct* can also mean "lead the performance of musicians," as in, "Alan Gilbert conducts the orchestra with great skill."

2. conscientious (kahn-shee-EN-shuhs) *adjective*; A conscientious person takes great care to do what is right—to do what he or she is supposed to do and to do it well.

3. considerate (kuhn-SIHD-uh-riht) *adjective*; If you are considerate, you think about other people's needs and feelings and treat other people with respect.

4. etiquette (EHT-ih-kit) *noun*; Etiquette is a set of rules about the proper and polite way to behave. Etiquette tells us, for example, the proper way to eat and to introduce ourselves. Etiquette varies among different groups of people and from place to place. According to Chinese etiquette, for example, burping after a meal is a way to show satisfaction, while in the U.S., burping is generally considered rude.

5. incentive (in-SEHN-tiv) *noun*; An incentive is something that encourages someone to do something or to work harder. Your principal might offer the incentive of a class pizza party for the student who sells the most raffle tickets.

6. oblivious (uh-BLIH-vee-uhs) *adjective*; Someone who is oblivious is totally unaware of something. Let's say an escaped goat is running around in the street in front of your house, bringing traffic to a stop and causing all kinds of trouble. But you calmly do your homework with no idea that anything is going on. In this situation, you could be described as being oblivious.

7. refrain (rih-FRAYN) *verb*; To refrain is to stop yourself from doing something that you want to do. You might be asked to refrain from taking photos at a museum. If you want more mac and cheese but know you've already eaten enough, you might refrain from taking a second helping.

8. uncivil (uhn-SIV-uhl) *adjective*; To be uncivil is to be rude or impolite.

